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SUBJECT: NEW YORK TIMES STORY RE INDIAN REQUEST FOR PL 480
FOODGRAINS

THE NEW YORK TIMES WILL PROBABLY HAVE A STORY ON TUESDAY THAT INDIA IS ABOUT TO REQUEST PL 480 FOODGRAINS. AT LEAST ONE INDIAN PAPER SAID SO TODAY. WE OF COURSE SAID NOTHING. YOUR REPORT OF AMBASSADOR KAUL'S OFFICIAL REQUEST ARRIVED OVER THE WEEKEND. I HAVE REPORTED THIS TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARY AND ASKED TO DISCUSS IT. FRANKLY WE DOUBT THAT KAUL IN FACT DID HAVE "OFFICIAL" CLEARANCE. ACCORDINGLY, YOU MIGHT WANT TO CAUTION THE NOON BRIEFER AGAINST CONFIRMING ANYTHING. ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT SUCH A REQUEST IS ACTIVELY UNDER CONSIDERATION HERE. WE WOULD ASSUME THAT THEY WON'T STRAIGHT OUT AND ASK UNTIL THEY ARE SATISFIED THAT WE ARE WILLING TO GIVE.
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